BY-LAWS CHANGES

The By-Laws committee, headed by Col. William A. Squires of Daytona Beach, has come up with the proposed changes to be made at the Annual Membership Meeting in Miami Beach. Some of the more important changes are listed and explained below.

The Advisory Committee, consisting of the past presidents, has been eliminated. The past presidents have now been given equal voting powers with the elected board of directors and made delegates to the board meetings.

Past Executive Secretaries will be Life Members.

Possibly the biggest proposed change is in the dues set up. This is in Article II - Dues, Section II - Dues of Chapter Members, and reads as follows: "Dues of chapter members shall be established by the chapter. Each chapter shall pay 75¢ semi-annually per person, except Life Members and AHS Honorary Members, on the rolls as of July 31st and December 31st. This semi-annual per capita assessment shall be paid to the American Hibiscus Society when billed by the treasurer. It shall be the duty of the chapter treasurer to supply names and addresses of new members and members dropped to the executive secretary and the treasurer of the American Hibiscus Society."

What this means is that the chapters can set their own dues. If they want to collect no dues from their members and the chapter pay the AHS per capita from funds raised by the chapter that is OK. It is also OK for the chapter to set their dues at a higher figure than before in order to finance the chapter. In other words it is the chapters business as long as the chapter pays $1.50 per person (75¢ twice a year) to the AHS per year.

This is the way it will work. After the annual meeting, if this goes through, the chapter treasurer will receive a list of members on the rolls as of the

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first of the fiscal year (July 1st) from the executive secretary. That will establish the number of members to start with. If new members are taken in after this list the names and addresses will be sent to the executive secretary and the AHS treasurer. This is done so that the new member will get on the list to receive the nomenclature and Seed Pods and so that the AHS treasurer can add them to his membership list and records. Then on July 31st the AHS treasurer will count the number of persons on the rolls, and multiply this figure by 75¢ and send the chapter a bill showing the number of members and the amount due the AHS. The chapter treasurer then issues a check for this amount. From then on until December 31st the only thing the chapter treasurer does is send the names and addresses of new members to the executive secretary and AHS treasurer, no money - just names and addresses. Then on December 31st the chapters will be billed again at 75¢ per member as of that date. In the event that you drop members for death or moving away these names should be reported also so that the Seed Pods can be stopped or the member can start paying dues as a member-at-large. Of course it must be understood that a chapter can't pick up a new member one month and then drop him the following month. They should be carried for at least one year. The success of this system must rely on the help of the chapter treasurers. It will be less work for the chapters and the AHS treasurer. There will be less checks to write, less records to keep. If all will cooperate the system will work.

It is proposed that a new office be created. The International Nomenclature Co-ordinator, who will be the chairman of the nomenclature and registration committee, and have a vote on the Board of Directors, will be appointed by the president and approved by the Board.

The First Vice President will be the chairman of the Judging and/or Flower Show Committdd.

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